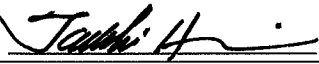


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**Attached is/are:**

- ☒ Transmittal; Amendment (11 Pages)  
☐ Return Receipt Postcard.

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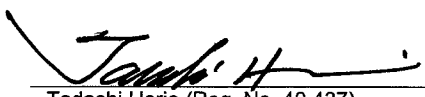
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this communication.